THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) Government is taking all necessary precautionary and preventive anti-terrorism measures to curb the menace of terrorism. To ensure better co-ordination and speedy action among the intelligence agencies and other Central/State security forces a core group has been constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs which is holding periodic meetings.

Applications for Freedom Fighters Pension

1148. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for sanction of pension under Freedom Fighters' Scheme are rejected as on date from A.P.; and

(b) how many are still pending for finalisation; the details district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR P.M. SAYEED): (a) 20,468 applications for grant of freedom fighters' pension, received from the State of Andhra Pradesh have been rejected so far.

(b) All applications received within the prescribed date i.e. 31-3-1982 have already been examined and decisions already communicated to the applicants. In the case of applicants claiming sufferings in the border camps in connection with the Hyderabad Liberation Movement, the Government have agreed to consider their claims, if received upto 25-10-1985. Of the claims received between 1-4-82 to 25-10-85, 426 cases from the Telangana Region of the State are pending finalisation in consultation with the Non-official Committee constituted to advise the Government on the genuineness or otherwise of such claims.

Applications received after the prescribed date are liable for summary rejection unless accompanied by documentary evidence from the official records. Receipt and disposal of delayed applications is a continuous process and no separate record is being kept in respect of such cases.

Introduction of an act on the Lines of RICO Act of U.S.A.

1149. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a stringent law on the lines of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organisation (RICO) Act in the U.S.A., as recently urged by the Law enforcing agencies in this country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of criterion for possession of Fire Arms

1150. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has recently undertaken/propose to undertake a complete review of the criterion for possession of fire arms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?